

City Council of the Mayor and Council of New Castle
Public Hearing: Town Hall – 201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Tuesday – April 13, 2010 – 6 p.m.

Present:

Council President William Barthel
Councilperson John Gaworski
Councilperson Ted Megginson
Councilperson Teel Petty

Absent:

Councilperson John Cochran

Also present: Treasurer Janet Carlin, City Administrator Cathryn Thomas, Solicitor Roger Akin

President Barthel said the Council is meeting to hold three public hearings.

- Consideration of Ordinance No. 469, approving a proposed, requested rezoning for 700 Delaware Street, with a current zoning designation of R2 Residential, requested to be changed to RC Retail Commercial.

James Whisman said the rezoning was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

President Barthel read from a memo written by Solicitor Akin that stated the rezoning is not prohibited under Delaware State Law and the proper procedure is a rezoning, not a variance.

President Barthel and other board members said they supported the rezoning. A discussion was held on the types of uses that are not allowed in an RC zoning district.

Hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

- Consideration of Ordinance No. 470, to change Section 193-18 (Sanitary Code-Solid Waste-Collection) in the New Castle City Code, to require private solid waste collection companies to obtain business licenses.

President Barthel said Code Enforcement Officer John Lloyd requested the change on the recommendation of the Board of Health.

City Administrator Thomas explained the code currently requires a permit from the Board of Health.

There were no comments from the public.

Hearing closed at 6:13 p.m.

- Consideration of Ordinance No. 471, approving changes in Chapter 204-Solid Waste, in the New Castle City Code, including an increase in the limit of the number of specified containers to be collected at one time for each property.

President Barthel said right now the City allows two containers and picks up twice a week. It will change to four containers and pick up once a week. The City plans to add recycling once a week as

well.

Earl Carpenter said he sees some businesses with loads and loads of trash.

Administrator Thomas said the City crews on the trucks know the limits. They can pick up the normal amount and place a sticker on the rest that explains the procedure for getting the rest picked up.

President Barthel said the City is ahead of the curve and the State plans to mandate the recycling collection in 2011.

Hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.